

# Legal Nominations & Rankings: Are They Worth It?



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## ARE THEY WORTH IT?

- Flurry of lawyer rankings
  - 200+ legal awards
  - Sift through the clutter
  - Avoid pay-to-play





















## **TO PURSUE OR NOT PURSUE?**

#### THE REASONS YOU SHOULD...





Levels the playing field









## **TO PURSUE OR NOT PURSUE?**

THE REASONS YOU SHOULD NOT...

Incredibly time-consuming

**Extensive process** 

No it year after year

**S** Bugging your clients

X You may not get ranked

**Competitive** 





#### WHAT DOES IN-HOUSE COUNSEL SAY?

#### THE VERDICT IS STILL OUT...

- Here's what we know
  - Use to find local counsel
  - Badge of credibility
  - Baseline







## WHICH RANKINGS SHOULD YOU PURSUE?

#### TYPES OF RANKINGS



**Global** 





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Voting-Based

Best Lawyers

Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>



**National** 

THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL





Local

Daily Journal

LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL





#### WHICH RANKINGS SHOULD YOU PURSUE?

- Global Rankings:
  - Highly competitive
  - Require your clients' time
  - A forever effort





- Voting-Based Rankings:
  - No solicitation policy
  - Participate in a several month process



Best Lawyers





#### WHICH RANKINGS SHOULD YOU PURSUE?

- National Rankings:
  - Competitive
  - Your matters, matter
  - Essay form
- Local Rankings:
  - State or regional
  - Your matters, still matter
  - Essay form







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## WHAT NOT TO DO

- O Don't go after every single one
  - Determine the right mix
  - Align with your business and marketing goals
  - National or not?
  - Your client's perspective
- O Don't submit your whole firm
  - Strategic
  - Long-term goals





## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Read the criteria
  - The kind of matters
  - Size of firm
  - Age
  - Consecutive rankings
  - Client references
- O Go beyond your bio
  - What's not on the internet

## Daily Journal

#### Top Boutiques 2020

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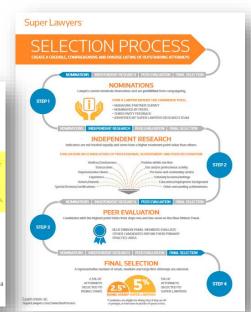
We honor specialty firms in California with a large portfolio of complex and impactful matters. In print October 21, 2020.

The supplement will recognize firms of any size that focus on one specialty. At least 90 percent of the firm's lawyers (including partners, associates and counsel) must devote 100 percent of their practice to this specialty. We will recognize any specialty (e.g. IP, L&E, white-collar defense, etc. Litigation and corporate are also acceptable categories). In selecting these firms, we will look at the richness of history of the firm's practice, the current book of cases and growth in recent years.

We understand many matters are sensitive; however, you must provide the names of matters and clients for all work to be considered for this nomination. Please mark information that is confidential. We will only contact clients for interviews if the nominee is selected to the list.

No extensions to the deadline will be granted.

Managing partners and most of the firm lawyers must be California Bar members in good standing and the firms must be based in California although their work can be anywhere in the world.



## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SERIES & AWARDS 2020

## 2020 Women's Leadership Series & Awards

The Los Angeles Business Journal is proud to honor women of outstanding achievement in our business community. Please complete the form below to nominate an associate, client, co-worker, or acquaintance that you believe is an outstanding candidate for our 28th annual Women's Council.

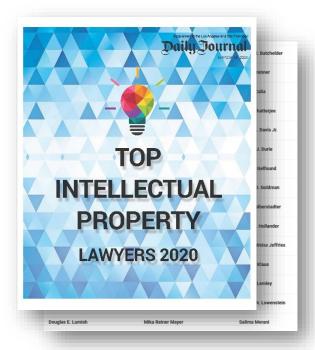


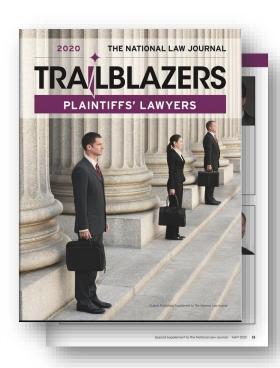


## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Set realistic expectations
  - A "bad" year
  - Familiarity
  - Previous lists







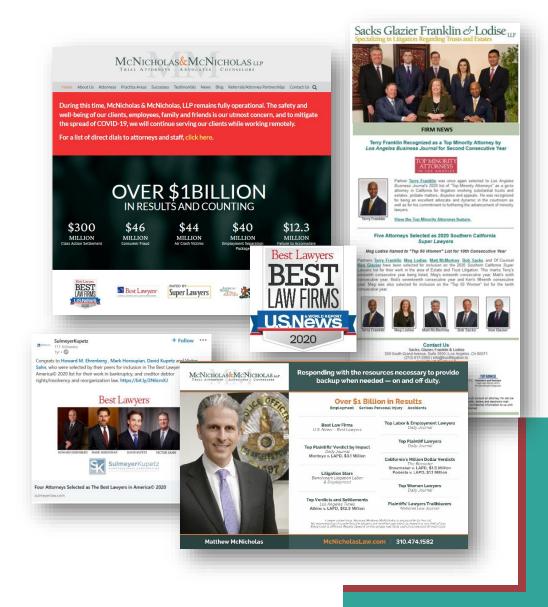




## THE POWER OF LEVERAGING

#### WHEN YOU GET RANKED...

- Badge
- **Website**
- Newsletter
- Email signature
- Social media
- Marketing material









## **Thank You**



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